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**ABSTRACT AND PENDING CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENTS
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ABSTRACT

A compound of formula [V] is prepared by oxidizing a compound of formula [III].

Citalopram can be industrially and economically produced and at a high yield by converting a compound of formula [V], which is prepared from a compound of formula [III], to a compound of formula [VI], and then alkylating the compound of formula [VI] to form citalopram.

